The book of Ruth tells us that the period of the Judges was not in total chaos, though it certainly was dominant. God, as He has always been, was still in control. In contrast to the negative message of Judges, we see God’s involvement with a little family in the land, and how his providence works in their lives. (David Baker, “Joshua, Judges, Ruth”.)

Purposes of the book:

-Ruth shows the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God in the life of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-God is mentioned in \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the 85 verses.

It is a book about God’s ruling over the events of the lives of people who trust Him. It is interesting to note that in the book, God does not communicate through dreams, visions, angelic visitations, or a voice from heaven. There is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sent with a word from the Lord. Yet we see the hand of God at work in this story.

-Read 1:1-5.

-Mahlon means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Chilion means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

What are the religions like in these two areas?

-All that being said, we are about to read about a jewel of a woman that is from this place where God is not honored.

-Read 1:6-18.

Chapter 2. How are they going to find food in this new place?

-Read Leviticus 19:9-10.

-Read Ruth 2:1-16. (How many examples of grace do we see in these verses?)

-Read 2:17-20.

Two fully grasp this story, we must first understand the words an important term in their culture: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

-Read Deut.25:5-6, 25-28.

-Ruth’s proposal. Read 3:6-9.

-Read 4:13-17.

Life Lessons

1. God moves in a mysterious way, always finding a way to fulfill His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 1:1,5)

The baby

-blessed their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-blessed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-blessed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-in-law.

-would become part of a blessing to all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Guys, you wanna love somebody, love somebody like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-A woman who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:11)

Why is Ruth taking care of her mother-in-law?

Mother-in-law jokes were lost on her. She was caring and loving, and compassionate towards her mother-in-law; honored her.

-A woman who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1:16-18)

-A woman who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:11; 3:1-18)

-A woman who is humble and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:10,13, 3:9)

-A woman who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1:16)

-A woman whose good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ precedes her. (2:11-12)

-A woman who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:11-12; Proverbs 31)

1. Girls, find a boy as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-A man who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:1)

-A man who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD often. (2:3-4,12, 3:10, 13)

-A man who is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:8)

-A man who is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2:9, 14-15, 3:17)

-A man who respects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (many examples in story)

-A man who honors his (and her) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (several examples in story, especially chapter 4)

-A man who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (see chapter 4)

*\*Some notes taken from David Baker’s FHU course “Joshua, Judges, Ruth”*